

Remarks

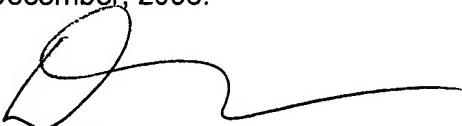
Applicant disagrees with the substantive prior art rejections imposed by the Examiner. Applicant believes that there are myriad elements and limitations found in the claims that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited prior art. However, in order to quickly obtain a patent and be in a position to enforce against infringers, Applicant is cancelling claims in dispute without prejudice and without admitting either anticipation or obviousness and will pursue claims for that subject matter at a later date. The claims have been amended to include subject matter that the Examiner indicated is allowable (30 to 150 degree limitation).

Terminal disclaimers are enclosed to address the obviousness type double patenting rejections.

Claim 23 has been cancelled, making the § 101 double patenting rejection moot.

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the application. Any fees should be charged to deposit account no. 50-0581.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of December, 2003.



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